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# **DGS to Replace Walkways, Avenue Around Capitol and North Side of Capitol Square**

**RICHMOND, Va.** \_ The Department of General Services (DGS) today announced the start of a project to replace the walkways adjacent to the Virginia Capitol and the vehicular drive and sidewalks along the north side of Capitol Square.

In all, DGS will replace approximately 60,000 square feet of hardscapes around the Virginia Capitol.

The project is expected to be complete in December. The phased project will begin with those walkways closest to the Capitol, then focus on the avenue behind the Capitol and sidewalks on each side of that road. DGS will maintain pedestrian access, including accessible access, from the north side of Capitol Square throughout the project.

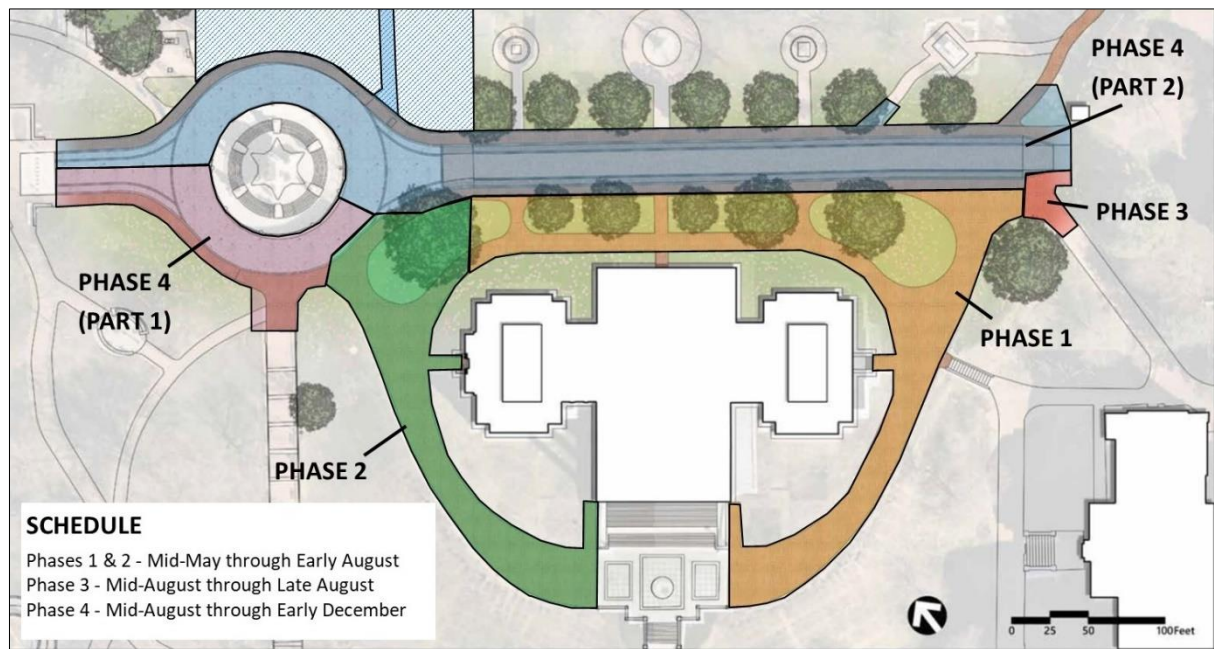
“This project to replace the hardscapes around the Capitol is the capstone in a series of significant construction and renovation projects on Capitol Square that dates to 2017 when we began work on the new General Assembly Building,” said **Joe Damico, Director of DGS**. “We are excited to start this project and are looking forward to later this year when the public, our state employees and officials on Capitol Square can fully experience and appreciate the historic preservation work that’s been done.”

Brick similar to that in a herringbone pattern found through Capitol Square will replace the brown exposed aggregate concrete walkways. Along the vehicular drive behind the Capitol, the road will be replaced by brown asphalt pavers, a choice recommended in the 2014 Capitol Square Landscape Master Plan to recall the historic dirt road that existed before it was paved.

Granite curbs will edge the hardscapes, and the road will be raised to curb level to create a more accessible pedestrian experience around the Capitol.

Each phase of the project will consist of removing the existing hardscapes, grading the area, pouring concrete and installing the new bricks or pavers. Safety fencing will change as the project progresses, so please be alert and cautious in the area.

Below is a graphic that outlines the project phases and expected timeline:



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